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16 February 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, CITY OF LINCOLN, MASTER RECLAMATION PERMIT, PLACER COUNTY

Because the Regional Board has postponed the hearing for your item for one week after the originally scheduled dates, a Notice of Public Hearing concerning the proposed NPDES permit and cease and desist order and a copy of a Proof of Posting form are enclosed. Regulations require you comply with the following:

- By **25 February 2005**, post one (1) copy of the Notice at the nearest city hall or county courthouse, and one (1) copy at the post office nearest your facility (if allowed), and one (1) copy near the entrance of your premises.
- By **4 March 2005**, file with this office Proof of Posting, using the enclosed form.

Regional Board staff will arrange for publication of this Notice. If you have any questions regarding the above, please call Melissa Hall at (916) 464-4757 or me at (916) 464-4655.

Richard McHenry
Senior Engineer

Enclosures: Proof of Posting form (Discharger only), Notice of Public Hearing

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California Environmental Protection Agency



CC List

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
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PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

Master Reclamation and NPDES Permit
for

**CITY OF LINCOLN
PLACER COUNTY**

The City of Lincoln's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTF) provides sewerage service to the City of Lincoln. The Discharger applied for a Master Reclamation Permit to reclaim water from the City's wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). The wastewater treatment facility also discharges to surface waters. The surface water discharge from the WWTF is regulated under a separate NPDES permit. The facility owned and operated by the Discharger is capable of producing high quality tertiary treated effluent to comply with reclamation criteria. The Discharger currently uses reclaimed water to irrigate fodder crops, with full tail water return. In addition to continuing the current reclamation uses, the Discharger has proposed to irrigate rice and has future plans for landscape irrigation throughout the local community. The proposed Master Reclamation Permit allows for these uses. The irrigation of rice is the only use that would result in reclaimed water being discharged to surface waters, under the conditions that: (1) The discharge from the WWTF to the irrigation area is in full compliance with the California Toxics Rule, National Toxics Rule, Basin Plan Water Quality Objectives and the NPDES permit for that facility; (2) The irrigated rice areas are in full compliance with the Regional Board's agricultural waiver program; (3) The irrigation of rice does not exacerbate vector control problems or cause a nuisance; and (4) The discharge from the rice fields to surface waters does not cause exceedance of any Receiving Water Limitation contained in the proposed Order.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 17 and 18 March 2005 (THIS IS A POSTPONEMENT BY ONE WEEK FROM
THE ORIGINALLY NOTICED DATE FOR THIS HEARING.)
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Board Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- City of Lincoln

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated

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parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **2 March 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative Master Reclamation Permit was issued on 19 November 2004. The written comment period for this item has closed.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the adoption of the Master Reclamation Permit for the City of Lincoln should contact **Melissa Hall** at **(916) 464-4757**. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 *et seq.* and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 *et seq.* The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

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